



EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES

Erasmus+



Uniting over...

71 709

STUDENTS

5 796

STAFF
INCLUDING 3 338
ACADEMIC STAFF/
RESEARCHERS

28

FACULTIES

200

RESEARCH GROUPS

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

ERUA - European Reform University Alliance



WHO WE ARE

5 pioneers

The University of Paris 8 Vincennes
Saint-Denis (France)

Roskilde University (Denmark)

The University of Konstanz (Germany)

The University of the Aegean (Greece)

The New Bulgarian University (Bulgaria)

27 associates

3

cities

2

regional
authorities

4

higher
education
institutions

3

research
centres

10

international
networks

5

businesses

OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE

ERUA is built on a common ambition to develop a new kind of cooperation, which not only connects universities within Europe but also reimagines the role of European universities in a global context. As reform universities we foster the critical function of the modern university by reflection upon, assessing and advancing alternatives to current models. We share a vision of universities as creative spaces, an awareness of the power of experimental approaches.

Our students come from both the top and the bottom of the socio-economic spectrum, from rural and urban settings, from local and global backgrounds. We propose an original fields of study ecosystem thanks to

our strength in Social and Human Sciences and Arts and our connection to Natural Sciences, Computer Sciences and Engineering. Together we span Europe. We offer students a rich and diverse environment with a shared pedagogical approach focused on project based learning, societal challenges and critical thinking.

ERUA is based on the critical assessment of how changes in higher education relate to wider societal crises, risks processes, trends, but also opportunities. Together we aim to contribute to shaping a more just, open and inclusive society.

PUTTING OUR VISION INTO PRACTICE

KEY DELIVERABLES / ACTIVITIES

- **Observatory on teaching and learning innovation and Promotion Service for teaching-centred careers**
- **Shared strategy on language policy** to foster the national languages of the alliance, reflecting and promoting our diversity.
- **Empowerment of academic and non-academic staff** by project-based mobility, teaching weeks and job-shadowing modules
- **Common Interregional Platform** with regions and societies to work on local problems and societal challenges, sharing values, knowledge, experience, human resources and best practices.
- **Joint academic offer with embedded mobilities**, based on experience-based and project-based learning and including travelling seminars, a joint e-learning platform, a Pre-PhD training programme and a diploma supplement

HOW OUR ALLIANCE WILL TRANSFORM OUR UNIVERSITIES

- **Reimagining higher education and research.** We will foster creativity and open experimentation. We will be a relay of innovation in the academic sector by providing think tank type services to other actors to help them build on innovation.
- **Reimagining Community.** We will create a strong community, spanning our campuses, based on common values, knowledge, languages and interests, between and among students, teachers, researchers and non-academic staff.
- **Reimagining learning pathways.** We will support a flexible, multidisciplinary, integrated and creative educational experience, combining resources and skills across consortium members and associated partners.
- **Reimagining Campus.** We will have a common campus that seamlessly combines physical and virtual components.
- **Flexible governance.** We will develop a flexible and participatory governance that will be capable of continuous transformation.

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